

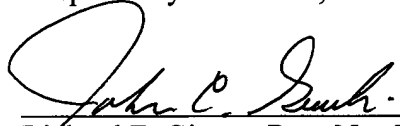
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~~without operating a lever on the snowboard boot or the snowboard binding, so that the
first engagement member is disengaged from the second engagement member.~~

REMARKS

If the Examiner has any questions or believes that an interview would expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the number set forth below.

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